

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

WHEREAS, This is the 45th Anniversary of the Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo; and,

WHEREAS, The Black Hills Stock Show started as a project of the Rapid City Chamber Ag Committee; and,

WHEREAS, The Central States Fair continues to produce the Black Hills Stock Show utilizing a large volunteer contingency; and,

WHEREAS, Nearly 300,000 people attend the Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center annually; and,

WHEREAS, The Black Hills Stock Show Rodeo, produced by Sutton Rodeos, was voted 2002 Indoor Rodeo of the Year by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA); and,

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the leading economic business for South Dakota; and,

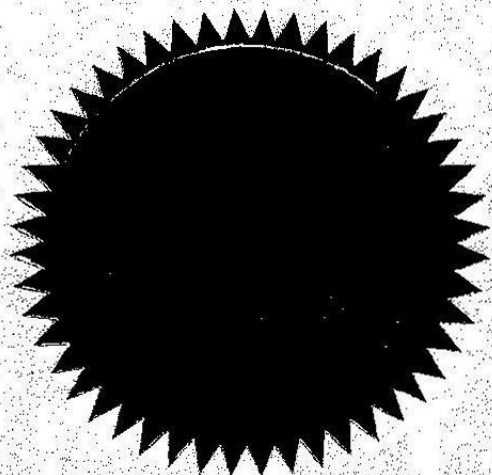
WHEREAS, The Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo continues to be the premier livestock event for the Rapid City region; and,

WHEREAS, The Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo offers the finest livestock in ten breeds of cattle, and has horse sales, competitive events like the Ranch Horse Competition, the Ranch Rodeo, Super Stallion Competition and Cattle Cutting...action packed events such as seven PRCA rodeos plus the New Pro Bull Riding events, and the Stockman's Banquet & Ball;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 31 through February 9, 2003, as

BLACK HILLS STOCK SHOW & RODEO WEEK


in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State